



St. Anne's Parish

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th November 2023



This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

Masses this week: Tues, Wed & Thurs at 10am.

Confessions: Sat 4.30pm & before masses.

Parish Office: Mon to Fri 9am to 1pm.

Parish WhatsApp Group – Keep up to date with what is happening in our parish community. Text your name and number to 07714691281 to be added to our WhatsApp group.

Your Giving This w/end - **Weekly Offering & Bishops Commissions**

Last w/end: Weekly Offering Env: £1007.52 Loose: £287.55

Why not set up a **Standing Order**. You can download the forms from our website...or **Donate Online** to St. Anne's Parish **A/C No. 07707787 Sort Code 93 83 00**

A "**Digital Collection Plate**" for those who wish to donate using Credit or Debit Cards is now available. It is located in the main porch of the church. It is "contactless", and you can also Gift Aid your donation. It's so simple!

We Remember Them – Our annual service of remembrance for all our deceased loved ones, especially those whose funerals were celebrated in the parish in the past year, will be held this **Monday 20th November at 7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome.



Month's Mind: Teresa Erne.

Anniversaries: Aminah Mulholland, Joseph Callan, Grainne Adair.

Be part of the conversation ...

Tuesday 21 November
Holy Rosary Parish Centre,
Ormeau Road, Belfast



Pathways
to the Future

Prayer, Sharing, Listening, Discerning

To register, please contact the parish office
on 028 90610112 or stannes@downandconnor.org

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Pathways to the Future Prayer

God of Love, you are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen

Foodbank:

Your continued support is gratefully appreciated. The need for the bank continues to grow. Thank you again for your generosity and please encourage others to give to those most in need. The collection boxes are outside the church door 10am to 4pm.

Four Evenings to prepare Advent 2023: A voice crying in the Wilderness

The word of God is a kind of sacrament, a place of encounter. Over four Tuesday evenings in November, Scripture scholar Fr. Kieran O'Mahony explores the Sunday readings for Advent 2023. This year, we return to the Gospel of Mark but because Mark is short, our readings are enriched with texts from John and Luke for the third and fourth Sundays of Advent. Each of the Sunday readings will be located in its historical and literary setting before exploring the spiritual potential for our times. An ideal Advent preparation for parish personnel and anyone interested in the biblical message of Christmas. **November 7, 14, 21, 28, @ 7.30 pm at the Belfast Jesuit Centre, Donegall Street BT1 2FL**

Email belfastjesuitcentre@gmail.com to book your place.

Slow Down for Advent: Space and time for you and God to get ready for Christmas together. Led by Breige O'Hare. 11am – 3pm, Saturday 25 November 2023. Holy Rosary Parish Hall. Ormeau Road. Bring lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Donation £10. Very popular day, so booking is essential via breigohare@firststepwell.com or by ringing 07565502662.

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

A talent was a huge sum of money, thought to equate to the pay for 15 to 20 years of work. The Master in today's Gospel reading has, therefore, placed great trust in his servants, giving them stewardship of such vast riches. God, Our Father, has placed the same trust in each one of us. At our baptism, He gave each one of us a unique set of gifts and charisms, "each in proportion to [our] ability". We received this lifetime of riches to equip us to continue God's work on earth, to build His Kingdom, to scatter on His behalf and to yield fruit for His harvest. Our lives as baptized Catholics are lives of service and mission, in our homes, our schools, our workplaces, and our parishes. We are called to use the baptismal gifts we have received, the talents we have been trusted to grow, in the service of God, the people we encounter in our daily lives, and the communities within which we live, work and study. Our faith is not passive or individual to us. Our faith is active and to be shared and grown. God is calling each one of us to renew His Church in Down and Connor using the talents He has entrusted us with. How will you use yours?

"Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates."

Proverbs 31:31

Prayer Intention: Like the wise woman in today's First Reading from the Book of Proverbs, as active members of our faith communities, that we may always do God's work "with eager hands" and hold out our "hand to the poor" and open our "arms to the needy".

"Advent to Christmas"

- Afternoon of Reflection with Fr Perry Gildea cm
Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne - Sat 2nd Dec.
Fr Perry will lead a gentle afternoon of reflection as we begin the Advent journey, concluding with celebration of the Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Advent. The afternoon is free of charge donations are welcome. Pre-booking is essential. To book a place, please contact Drumalis by phone 028 2827 2196/2827 6455 or by email drumalis@btconnect.com

St Vincent DePaul are holding their annual Christmas lunch for senior citizens, in the Beechlawn Hotel, on Sunday 10th December at 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Please give your name and telephone number to any member of SVdeP if you are interested.



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VACANCY

PARISH CENTRE CO-ORDINATOR

An exciting opportunity has arisen for the appointment of a Parish Centre Co-Ordinator within St Anne's Parish. The post holder will be responsible for the smooth operation of the Parish Centre and associated activities.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 24 hours per week, however flexibility to work additional hours may be required. Work pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest.

Salary/Rate of Pay - £15,000 gross per annum

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: **JOB VACANCIES**, on the Community NI website, and on njobs.com, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. Application packs can also be obtained from St Anne's Parish Office.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in playing an active part in the Parish.

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Tuesday 28th November 2023

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